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Frederick G. Wright,

Director, Office of Budget and Finance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Discretionary Cooperative Agreement To Support Biomechanics Research

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Amendment of agency announcement published August 10, 1998 and August 18, 1998, **Federal Register** Volume 63, No. 153 and 156, respectively.

SUMMARY: The original dates for receipt of applications (September 30, 1998 and October 5, 1998) are hereby extended to 3 pm on November 20, 1998.

Dated: September 24, 1998.

Joseph N. Kaniathra,

Acting Associate Administrator for Research and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket No. **RSPA-98-4470**]

Pipeline Safety: Meetings of Pipeline Safety Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: **Notice** of Advisory Committee meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92463, 5 U.S.C. App.1) notice is hereby given of the following meetings of the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (TPSSC) and the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (THLPSSC). Both the TPSSC and the THLPSSC are statutorily mandated advisory committees that assist RSPA's Office of Pipeline Safety in its consideration of proposed safety standards, risk assessments, and safety policies for hazardous liquid and natural gas pipelines. Each committee has an authorized membership of 15 persons, five each from government, industry, and the public. The committees meet in May and November of each year. Each Committee meeting, as well as a joint session of the two Committees, is held at the Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, S. W., Washington, DC 20590. The November 1998 meetings will be held in room 6332.

ADDRESSES: Comments pertaining to this meeting should be sent to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, or you can E-Mail your comments to ops.comments@rspa.dot.gov. Comments must identify the docket number RSPA-984470. The Dockets Facility is located on the plaza level of the Nassif Building in Room 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC. The Dockets Facility is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary-Jo Cooney, OPS, (202) 3664774, regarding the subject matter of this notice.

- SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 5, 1998, at 9:00 a.m., the TPSSC will meet. Topics to be discussed by the gas pipeline advisory committee include:
1. Definition of Gas Gathering Lines (Docket PS-122)
 2. Remotely Controlled Valves on Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities (Docket PS-97-2879)
 3. Adoption of Industry Standards for Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities (Docket PS-97-3002)
 4. Plastic Pipeline Safety Standards (Docket PS-98-3347)
 5. Gas Pipeline Repair: Pipe Wrap Repair Methods
 6. Risk Management Local Distribution Company (LDC) Initiative

On November 5, 1998, at 1:00 p.m., the TPSSC will be joined by members of the THLPSSC for a joint session of the

gas and hazardous liquid pipeline advisory committees. Topics to be discussed include:

1. Corrosion Control on Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipelines (Docket RSPA-97-2762)
2. Qualification of Pipeline Personnel (Docket RSPA-98-3783)
3. Changes in Enforcement Proceedings (Docket RSPA-984284)
4. Underwater Abandoned Pipeline Facilities (Docket RSPA-97-2094)
5. Underground Damage Prevention Activities: DAMQAT and the Best Practices Study
6. System Integrity Inspection Pilots
7. Risk Management Demonstration
8. Cost-Benefit Analysis Framework Working Group
9. National Pipeline Mapping System

On November 6, 1998, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the THLPSSC will meet. Topics to be discussed by the hazardous liquid pipeline advisory committee include:

1. Unusually Sensitive Areas (Docket PS-140)
2. Pressure Testing of Older Hazardous Liquid Pipelines and Terminals (Docket PS-144)
3. Liquid Data Team Report
4. EPA/OPS Aboveground Storage Tank Jurisdiction

All three meetings will be open to the public. Members of the public may present oral statements on the topics discussed. Due to the limited time available, each person wishing to make an oral statement must notify Peggy Thompson, Room 7128, Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 3664595, not later than October 30, 1998, on the topics to be addressed and the time requested for each topic. The presiding officer at each meeting may deny any request to present an oral statement and may limit the time of any oral presentation. Members of the public may present written statements to the Committee before or after any meeting.

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Richard B. Felder,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33657]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) has agreed to grant overhead trackage rights to Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) over BNSF's rail line between milepost 618.0 at Pueblo, CO, and milepost 170 at Peabody, KS, a distance of 448 miles, for the period September 10, 1998, through December 31, 1998.¹

The transaction was scheduled to be consummated on or shortly after September 10, 1998.

The purpose of the trackage rights is to permit UP to use the BNSF trackage when UP's trackage is out of service for scheduled programmed track, roadbed and structural maintenance.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk and Western Ry. Co.—Trackage Rights—BN*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Ry., Inc.—Lease and Operate*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

This notice is filed under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7). If it contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33657, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Joseph D. Anthofer, Esq., 1416 Dodge Street, #830, Omaha, NE 68179.

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Decided: September 23, 1998.

¹ On September 3, 1998, UP filed a petition for exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 33657 (Sub-No. 1), *Union Pacific Railroad Company—Trackage Rights Exemption—The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company*, wherein UP requests that the Board permit the proposed overhead trackage rights arrangement described in the present proceeding to expire on December 31, 1998. That petition will be addressed by the Board in a separate decision.